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ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK
DISTRICT 9670
SPOKE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We are finally seeing some winter weather with cold frosty mornings which are taking their toll on a few of our members, nice to see John recovering and back this week, Jack has also succumbed to the flu, hope you have a speedy recovery and able to join us again soon. Brad is having a "rest" in Mt View and Brian is on the road to recovery after his hospital visit.

In the absence of having her International Toast prepared, Robyn Drayton asked us to raise our glasses, not in a toast as such, but to the memory of those who lost their lives in the recent air tragedy over the Ukraine, this was a very moving moment from Robyn and a sombre reminder of the atrocities and conflict in our world that affects everyone.

Members showed a keen interest and had many questions of our guest speaker, David Robinson. David, who came to Cessnock 5 years ago has a passion for motor bikes and is President of the Cessnock Motor Cycle Club which incidentally is the longest running competition club in Australia. David's aim is to encourage the younger members of the community to use the CMCC facilities which provide a safer environment for their activity and not the general "bush" areas. But back to the main topic of David's talk, David wanted something to put Cessnock on the map, something which involved the whole community and could bring exposure of what we have to offer in Cessnock, he joined with the Hunter Today Group. After much investigation and creative thinking the idea to hold a Postie Bike Grand Prix was born. This was then followed by many planning meetings, council approvals, resident acceptance and a whole host of "red tape" to overcome. There is still a lot of planning and work involved to make this weekend a success. Nominations opened this week and the area is being well supported and it is hoped to have 81 teams compete on the 26th October for the first Postie Bike Grand Prix in Australia. There has been a lot of interest shown in this event including support from Motor Cycle Australia, ABC and Channel 7 which would give great coverage for Cessnock not only locally but throughout Australia. There will also be many other activities as well as a food fair on the day. We hope this will be the first of many for Cessnock and becomes a yearly event. David has asked that if possible we support this day not only by attending but if we could help out with some of the set up, it would be appreciated.

We welcomed our newest exchange student this week, Iver Harsjoen from Norway. Iver will be staying with Steve and Janette Jackson for his first few months and attending Mount View High.

Thanks again George for your great newsletter and keeping us up to date with news and photos of our previous exchange students Matt and Fanny. Also your coverage of Greg Bevan's farewell dinner for Rotary Exchange. Your page on Group Study Exchange was enhanced with a map indicating where the 2014/15 group is travelling from. As our club is nominating to be among the host clubs we should now perhaps do a little research and have some knowledge of the district.

A reminder to all members that Club dues are now payable and your invoice will be forwarded to you shortly.

The Bunnings BBQ was well attended and thanks to those who helped out. We managed to raise \$580 for our efforts which will help to boost club funds.

President Vicki.

NEW INBOUNDS ARE STARTING TO ARRIVE



Last Thursday we met our new exchange student from Norway, Iver Harsjoen. It is quite evident from first discussions with Iver that he is a very keen soccer player. Lets hope you find a good team in Cessnock, so that you will feel at home and in your element. Iver is pictured with his first host parents, Steve and Jannete. I was also fortunate to have met Klara Cleisson from Sweden, at the farewell dinner for the Bevans. Our District 9670 is in for another wonderful year with the now arriving group of Inbounds.



It was a bit unusual last week for Robyn not to have a prepared International Toast, but we did get an impromptu one. The toast was in the memory of the people that lost their lives on the MH17 plane crash over in Ukraine. It wasn't a toast as such but more of a remembrance to those people and the friends a relatives all over the world who were affected by this tragedy.



ROSTER 31st July 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Gail Thomas
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/ S Jackson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Alison Crane
GUEST SPEAKER: N/A
VOTE OF THANKS: Nil
FINE SESSION: N/A
STEWARDS: Peter Carver
All members

7th August 2014

Janette Jackson
Maley/ S Crane
George Koncz
TBA
TBA
TBA
Peter Carver
All members

FUTURE EVENTS

14th Aug - John Barnes
(Cessnock Art Gallery)

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.

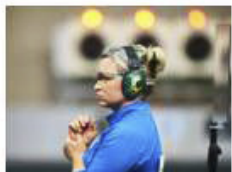
ROTARY CLUB OF KURRI KURRI



Looks like the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri are in the party mood at Harrington doing a Christmas in July Festival. Alison and Terry Tianaga have recently joined the club after re locating to the area. Alison and Terry have been involved with Youth Exchange for a long time and there were many happy times shared at their place with lots of exchange students. But where is Greg & Lorraine?



GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014



Taylah Jane Taylor, one of our Rotaractors, with friend Dan who won a gold medal in Shooting at the Commonwealth Games.

Australia is leading the way on day four of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, in Scotland. We have a total of 51 Medals with 18 gold, 14 silver and 19 Bronze to date. The teams following us are England, Scotland, Canada, India, South Africa, New Zealand, etc.



Last weeks guest speaker was David Robinson who was introduced by David Lennon and thanked for attending by Gail Thomas. President Vicki's year has started out well and she also got a group of us together to go to the Glendale Cinema to watch the Andre Rieu Concert, which was fantastic.



ELEMENTAL HUMOUR

Have you heard that scientists have discovered two new elements to add to the periodic chart?

Element: WOMAN, Symbol: Wo, Atomic Weight: 120 (more or less)

Physical Properties: Generally round in form. Boils at nothing and may freeze anytime. Melts whenever treated properly. Very bitter if not treated well.

Chemical Properties: Very active. Possesses strong affinity to Au (gold,) Ag (silver,) Pt (platinum,) and special stones.

Violent when left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of exotic food. Turns slightly green when placed beside a better specimen. Ages rapidly.

Usage: Highly ornamental. An extremely good catalyst for disintegration of wealth. (Probably the most powerful income-reducing agent known.)

Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

Fortunately, there is another newly-acknowledged element:

Element: Men, Symbol: XY, Common Name(s): Varies anywhere from John to !@#%*!

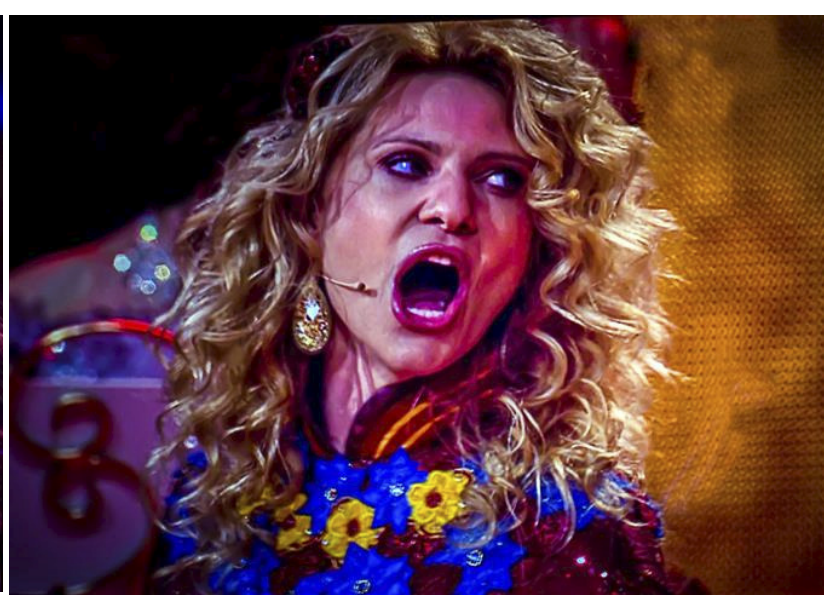
Atomic Weight: 180 +/- 100

Physical Properties: Solid at room temperature but easily gets bent out of shape. Fairly dense. Difficult to find a pure sample. Due to rust, aging samples are unable to conduct electricity as easily as young, fresh samples.

Chemical Properties: Attempts to bond with Wo any chance it can get. Also tends to form strong bonds with itself. Becomes explosive when mixed with Kd (element Kid) for a prolonged period of time. Pretty basic. Neutralize by saturating with alcohol.

Usage: None really, except methane production. Some samples are able to produce large quantities on command.





A tribute from the Andre Rieu Concert which some of us Rotarians attended. The performances were simply spell binding. If you ever danced and loved the waltz or just classical music then this really made your heart flutter. There were so many outstanding performers all the way through but the one that stole my heart was the nine year old young lady. I hope that nobody minded me clicking away with my camera as I feel that the results are worth it. It was an absolutely entertaining event.